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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON RABIN VISIT TO BERLIN

REF: (A) USBER 1346 (B) STATE 163562 (C) USBER 1325

1. AFTER TRIPARTITE AND FULL BONN GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON JULY 31, AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PROTEST ON THE RABIN VISIT TO BERLIN. THE AD REF TEXT OMITTS REFERENCE TO PAST PRACTICES (REFTEL A) BECAUSE OF UK RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE RECORD FULLY SUPPORTS THIS POINT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN HAVE CONSIDERED THE STATEMENT YOU MADE TO ME ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON 9 JULY CONCERNING THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL TO BERLIN. THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE POWERS DO NOT ACCEPT THAT THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL TO
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THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN HAD ANY IMPLICATION FOR

THE STATUS OF THE CITY OR WAS IN ANY WAY INCONSISTENT
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3
SEPTEMBER 1971. END TEXT

3. STATING THAT THE FRG FELT THAT A REFERENCE TO TIES
IN THE ALLIED RESPONSE WAS IMPORTANT, THE FRG REP
(LUECKING) ALSO SUGGESTED A SENTENCE ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES BE ADDED: "MOREOVER, INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN THE
FRG'S VISITS PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN PERSONALITIES IS
COVERED BY (GEHOERT ZU) THE TIES BETWEEN THE WSB AND
THE FRG, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE QA WILL BE MAINTAINED
AND DEVELOPED." ALL THREE REPS OBJECTED TO THIS
ADDITION. US REP STATED THAT SUCH LANGUAGE WAS APT TO
INVITE A SOVIET RESPONSE, AND UK REP ADDED THAT THE
PRIMARY REASON FOR THE PROPRIETY OF RABIN'S VISIT TO
BERLIN WAS THAT IT WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY
PROVISION OF THE QA, NOT THAT THE QA SPECIFICALLY
APPROVED IT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE CLEARLY
ON VERY WEAK GROUND, AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE
LANGUAGE WHICH MIGHT GIVE THEM ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION.
LUECKING AGREED TO DROP THE SENTENCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE AD REF
TEXT IN PARA 2 FOR DELIVERY IN BERLIN (WITH DELETION,
OF COURSE, OF THE WORDS "TO ME", GIVEN THE CHANGE IN
CHAIRMANSHIP IN BERLIN SINCE THE PROTEST WAS DELIVERED).
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